

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 11 of page 4 as follows:

The base 12 includes [[on]] at least two ~~sides~~ side tee fittings 32. The tee fittings 32 serve to anchor vertical supports 34 that extend a height suitable to accommodate a yard waste bag. A funnel sub-assembly 36 rests on the supports 34 to complete an inventive bag loading assembly. In the preferred embodiment depicted in Figures 1 and 2, two supports 34 extend from the base side defined by elbows 14a and 14b to form a pivot point. The hinge pivot point is formed by terminating a support 34 with a tee fitting 38. A funnel assembly having a diameter adapted to rotate within the tee fitting 38 affords a hingeable funnel assembly that is optionally rotatable out of an overlying orientation relative to the base 12. Longitudinally sectioning a tee fitting on the other supports 34 forms a cradle 40 to support the funnel assembly 36 in a position overlying the base 12. While the preferred embodiment depicted in Figures 1 and 2 shows a funnel sub-assembly hingeably attached to supports, it is appreciated that two opposing cradle supports are all that is essential to retain a funnel sub-assembly in an operative orientation to fill the yard waste bag. Additionally, while the funnel sub-assembly hinge is depicted in Figures 1 and 2 as a pair of spaced tee fittings 38, it is appreciated that only a single support 34 terminating in a single tee fitting 38 on the side defined by elbow fittings 14a and 14b is sufficient to perform the functions thereof.